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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS  
FOR IDENTIFYING  
NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES  
USING NUCLEOLYTIC  
ACTIVITIES AND  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2002, the response date being extended three months by request or petition and payment of the statutory extension fee, enclosed herewith. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1 through 5 and 57. Please add the following new claims 82 through 121. Thus, claims 82 through 121 are pending upon entry of this amendment. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute cancelled claims in this or other applications.